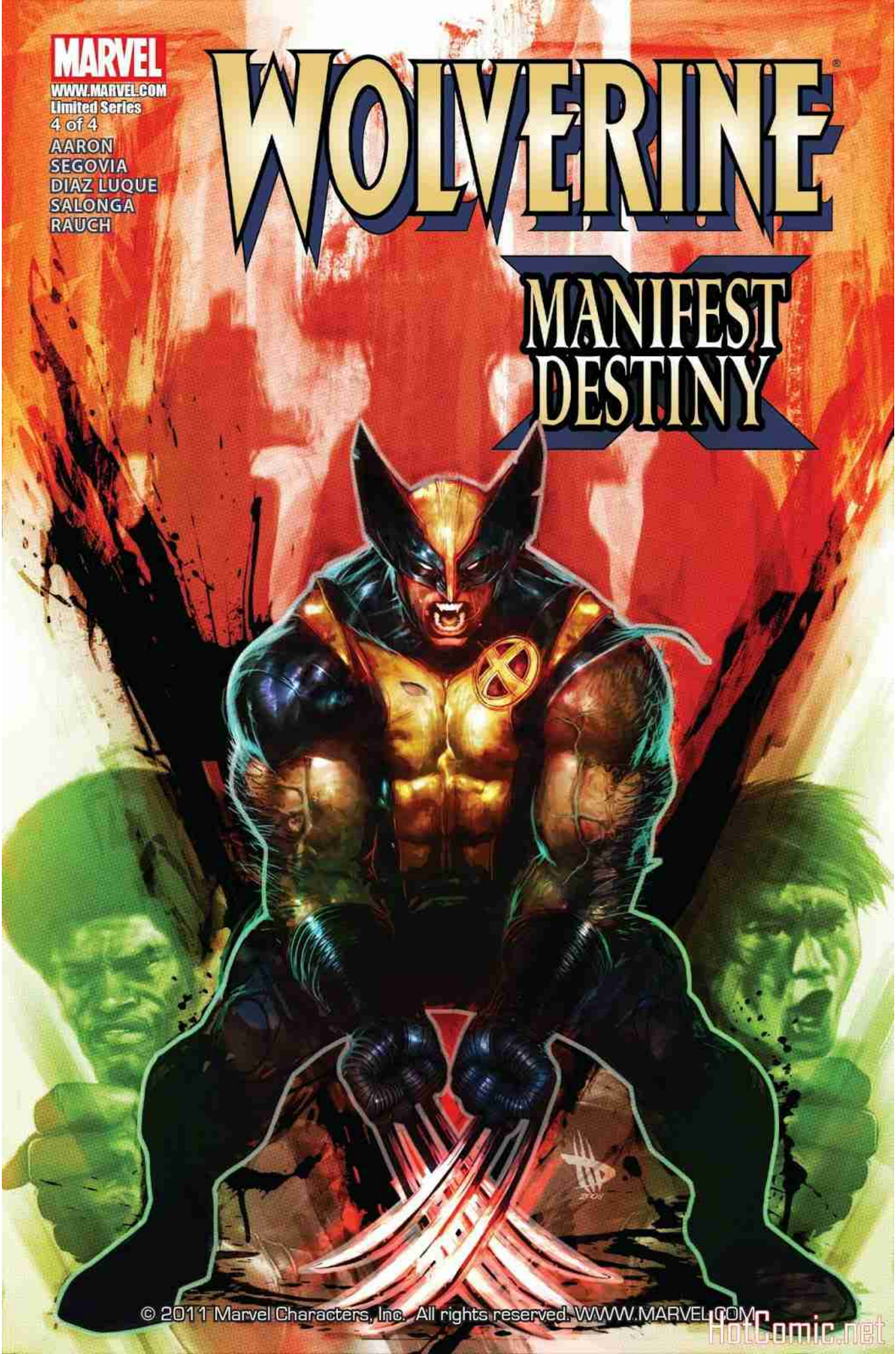
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WOLVERINE MANIFEST DESTINY

The mutant Wolverine has spent a century fighting those who would manipulate him for his unique powers—razor-sharp claws, heightened senses, and a healing factor capable of miracles. After repeated brainwashing, torture, and reprogramming, Wolverine's past was as much a mystery to him as to anyone. Now those memories have returned…

The X-Men have moved to San Francisco and Wolverine's first order of business is to settle an old debt in Chinatown. Seems that fifty years ago, Logan shattered the criminal organization known as the Black Dragon tong and, after committing some sort of betrayal, was ordered never to return, under penalty of death.

So it comes as no surprise that within minutes of his arrival, Logan is confronted by the Black Dragon herself—who turns out to be Lin, his ex-girlfriend from fifty years ago—and she wants Logan dead. Lin has made the people of Chinatown so afraid that no one, not even the local Kung Fu schools, dare stand against her.

Lin's four super-powered Kung Fu enforcers beat Logan to within an inch of his life. Logan manages to escape and is found by his old sensei, Master Po, who convinces Logan that the only way to beat the Black Dragon and her warriors is to submit to his brutal martial arts training. Now, humbled and hardened, Logan prepares himself for round two…

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FIFTY YEARS AGO.
THE REIGN OF THE BLACK DRAGON IS FINISHED!
LO SHANG CHO IS DEAD!
MOST HONORABLE LOGAN, FIST OF LEGEND, DEFENDER OF THE COMMON MAN, YOU HAVE DONE WHAT NO MAN BEFORE YOU EVER DARED. YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE TYRANT LO SHANG CHO AND BROUGHT PEACE TO CHINATOWN.
NOW YOU MAY CLAIM YOUR REWARD.

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THE SPEAR OF THE BLACK DRAGON TONG.
HE WHO HOLDS IT CONTROLS ALL OF CHINATOWN.
WE HONOR YOU NOW, LOGAN, YOU WHO SAVED US AND WILL GUIDE US FORWARD TO A NEW GOLDEN AGE.
WAIT, WHAT?
YOU DID IT, LOGAN. YOU WON. YOU'RE NOW MASTER OF THE CHINATOWN TRIADS.
YOU'RE THE NEW BLACK DRAGON.
THANKS, BUT NO THANKS, FOLKS.
I AIN'T INTERESTED.

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LOGAN, WAIT, YOU CAN'T TURN THIS DOWN. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS HONOR. NO WESTERNER HAS EVER BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE THIS POSITION.
I JUST KILLED THIS BASTARD. WHY WOULD I WANNA TURN AROUND AND REPLACE HIM?
BECAUSE THE CITY NEEDS A BLACK DRAGON. TO KEEP THE RIVAL TONGS IN LINE, TO KEEP THE PEACE. WITHOUT HIM, THE CITY WOULD DESCEND INTO CHAOS.
THIS IS WHY THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED YOU, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED IN YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
LOGAN, TO WALK AWAY NOW WOULD BE AN UNFORGIVABLE INSULT TO EVERYONE HERE.
I DID MY PART. I KILLED THE BAD GUY. YOU FOLKS'RE ON YOUR OWN FROM HERE ON OUT.
LOGAN, YOU CAN'T--
YOU KNOW, LIN, SUDDENLY I'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO LEAVE THIS BACKWARDS-ASS BURG FOR GOOD.
LOGAN, WAIT...
DON'T...
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THE PRESENT.
YOU NEVER SHOULD'VE COME BACK HERE, LOGAN.
I HAD TO COME BACK. HAD TO MAKE UP FOR WALKING OUT BEFORE.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL I WAS DOING BACK THEN, BUT NOW I DO.
IT'S MY FAULT THIS HAPPENED TO YOU, LIN. YOU WERE A GOOD GIRL, AND I LEFT YOU IN A TERRIBLE SPOT.
YOU BECAME THE BLACK DRAGON BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT IT CORRUPTED YOU.
WE CAN CHANGE THAT. WE CAN END THIS ALL RIGHT NOW.
YOU DONE? YOU FINISHED SAYING YOUR PIECE?
YEAH?
GOOD.

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WHAT DO WE DO? WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE.
YOU KNOW WHAT WE GOTTA DO.
WAIT, LET ME GUESS...
I'LL BET IT INVOLVES LOTS OF KICKING.
BOB DIAMOND, AS I LIVE AND BREATHE. THE SONS OF THE TIGER, REUNITED AT LAST.
GOOD TO SEE YOU, FRIEND. I THOUGHT YOU WERE BUSY SHOOTING A NEW MOVIE.
AH, THE DIRECTOR WAS A JERK. WOULDN'T LET ME DO MY OWN STUNTS.
JUST AS WELL. I ONLY TOOK THE JOB SO I COULD MAKE OUT WITH ANGELINA JOLIE.
BUT I HEARD YOU GUYS HAD SOMETHING BETTER GOING ON.
SO...
WHAT DO WE GOT GOING ON?
WHAT WE GOT, BOB, IS A BIG OL' #%$@ SANDWICH...
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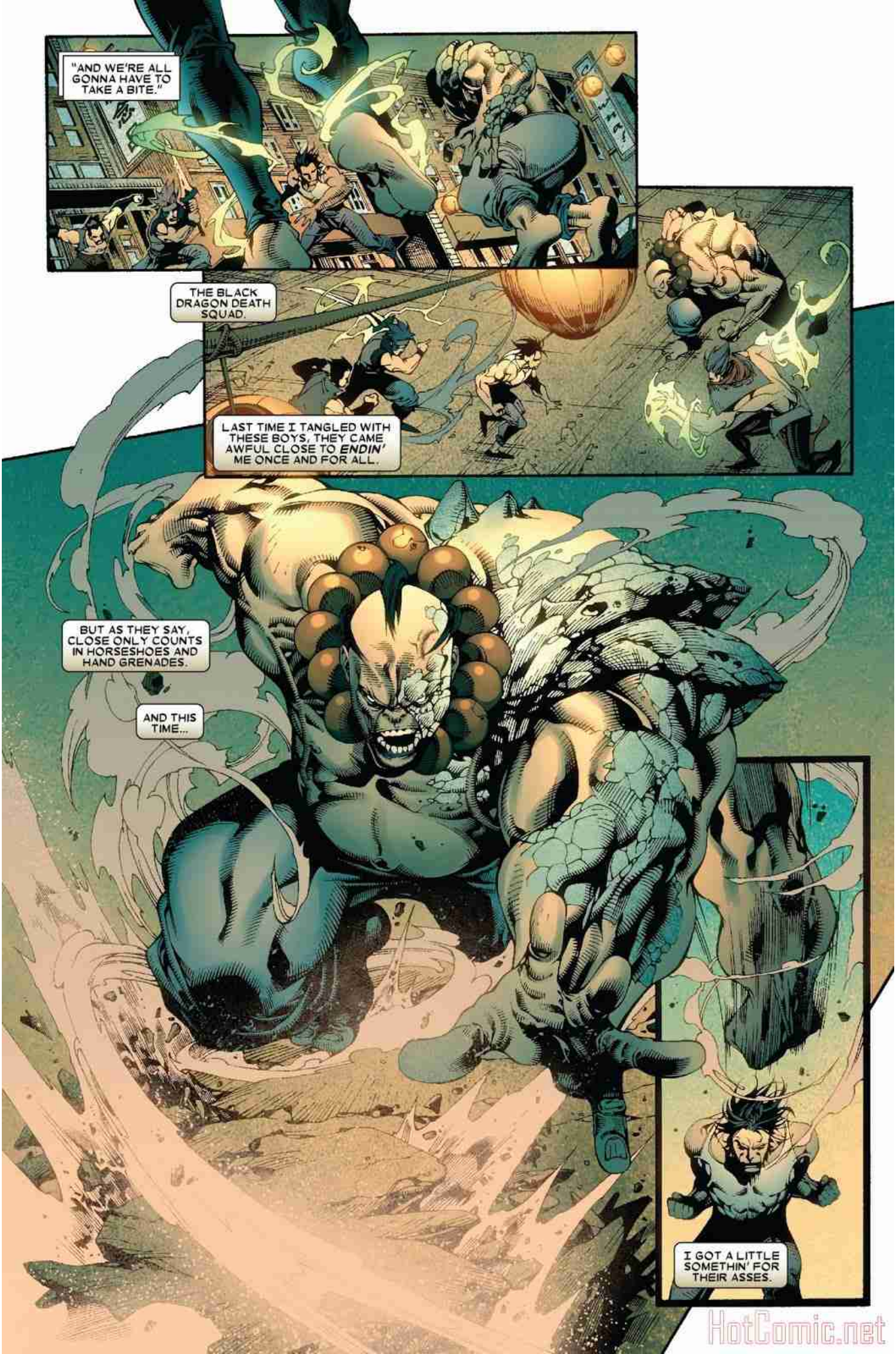
"AND WE'RE ALL GONNA HAVE TO TAKE A BITE."
THE BLACK DRAGON DEATH SQUAD.
LAST TIME I TANGLED WITH THESE BOYS, THEY CAME AWFUL CLOSE TO *ENDIN'* ME ONCE AND FOR ALL.
BUT AS THEY SAY, CLOSE ONLY COUNTS IN HORSESHOES AND HAND GRENADES.
AND THIS TIME...
I GOT A LITTLE SOMETHIN' FOR THEIR ASSES.

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WHACK
HIT IT!
WHAT THE HELL DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING?
I BEEN HITTIN' IT, MASTER PO. MY KNUCKLES ARE BUSTED OPEN DOWN TO THE BONE. BUT I CAN'T BREAK THIS. I AIN'T THE HULK.
SMACK
NO, THE HULK IS SMARTER.
BREAKING THE STONE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BRUTE STRENGTH. YOU CAN KNOCK A FREIGHT TRAIN OVER WITH A FEATHER, IF YOU JUST KNOW WHERE TO PLACE IT.
WE HAVE TO TRAIN YOUR EYES, NOT YOUR FIST.
TAP
EVERYTHING HAS A WEAKNESS. A STRESS POINT. YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE IT.
...
YEAH, AND...?
AND NOTHING. THE ROCK IS ALREADY BROKEN.
DOESN'T LOOK BROKEN TO--
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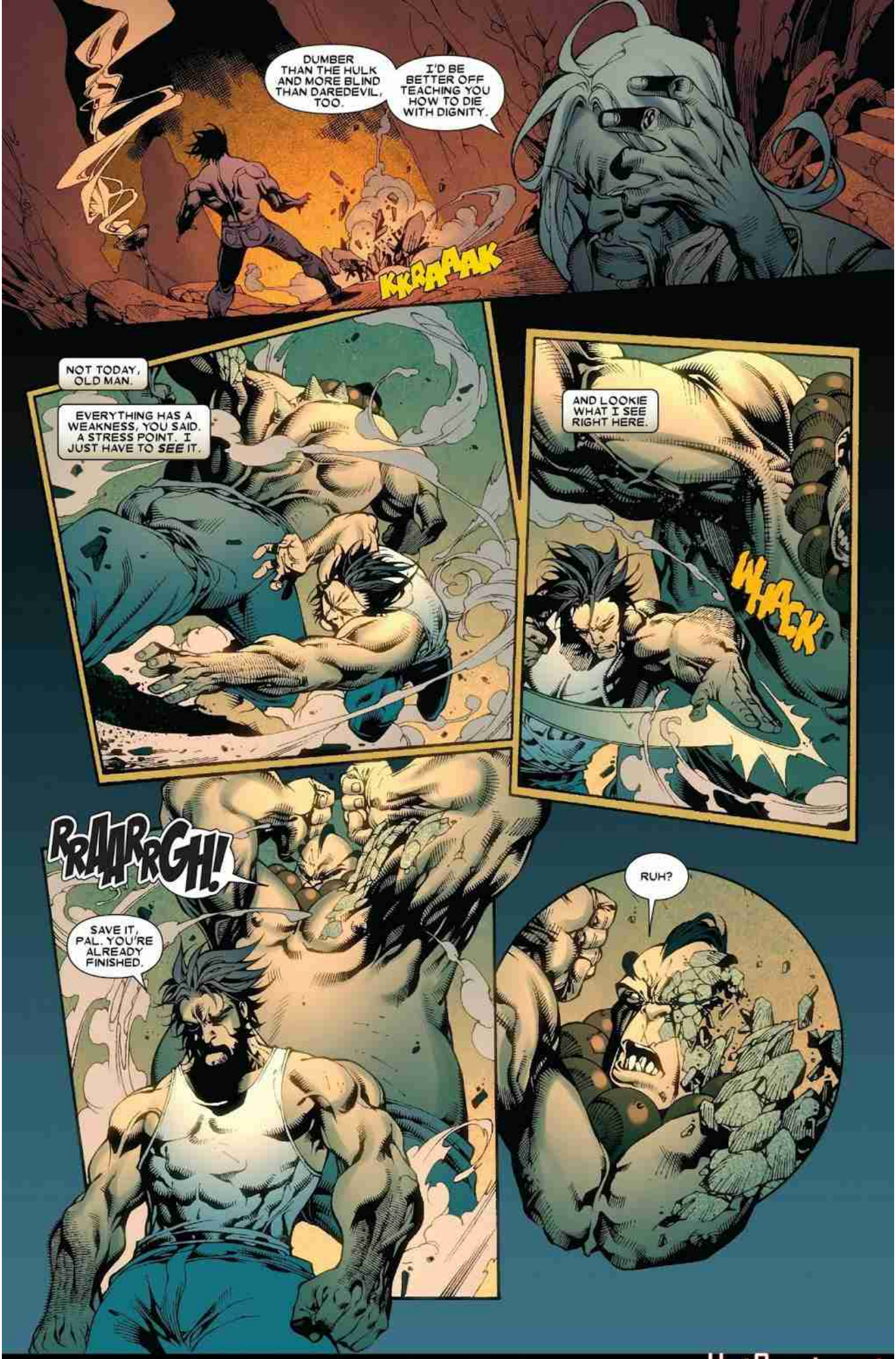
DUMBER THAN THE HULK AND MORE BLIND THAN DAREDEVIL, TOO.
I'D BE BETTER OFF TEACHING YOU HOW TO DIE WITH DIGNITY.
KKRAAAK
NOT TODAY, OLD MAN.
EVERYTHING HAS A WEAKNESS, YOU SAID. A STRESS POINT. I JUST HAVE TO SEE IT.
AND LOOKIE WHAT I SEE RIGHT HERE.
WHACK
RRAARRGH!
SAVE IT, PAL. YOU'RE ALREADY FINISHED.
RUH?

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SCRABBLE
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO...
WHO'S NEXT?
WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTIN', I'VE HAD PLENTY OF DIFFERENT TEACHERS OVER THE YEARS.
FAR EAST
TWO AT A TIME? FINE BY ME. WE'LL WRAP THIS UP A WHOLE LOT QUICKER THAT WAY.
FROM THE WOLVES AND WILD BEASTS OF THE GREAT WHITE NORTH TO THE MILLION DOLLAR MURDER TECHS OF WEAPON X.
FROM THE SEEDIEST CUTTHROATS IN THE BACK ALLEYS OF MADRIPOOR TO THE MOST EXALTED COMBAT PRIESTS OF THE SHI'AR THRONEWORLD.
FROM SOME OF THE MOST HONORABLE SAMURAI TO EVER PICK UP A SWORD TO THE MOST VICIOUS BASTARDS WHO'VE EVER GROWN CLAWS AND FANGS.
THE GREATEST FIGHTERS OF THE DISTANT PAST AND THE FAR-FLUNG FUTURE. MEN AND MUTANTS, ANIMALS AND ALIENS, AND EVEN A GOD OR TWO.
I'VE LEARNED FROM THEM ALL.
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AND EVEN AMONG ALL THAT, THIS OLD MAN IN HIS DANK LITTLE CAVE UNDER CHINATOWN STILL RANKS AMONG THE FINEST INSTRUCTORS I'VE EVER HAD.
AND IT AIN'T BECAUSE HE'S BEEN TEACHING ME THE ANCIENT KUNG FU SECRETS OF SHAOLIN DOGFIST OR THE TEN FORM LIGHTNING CLAWS OF DEATH.
ALL HE'S REALLY DOING IS REMINDING ME OF THE SIMPLEST OF FIGHTING PRINCIPLES.
LIKE HOW TO BALANCE. HOW TO SEE AND HOW TO LISTEN.
AND HOW SOMETIMES THE BEST WAY TO STRIKE AT SOMEONE...
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...IS SIMPLY TO GET OUT OF THE WAY.
FOOSH
FOOOM
SMACK
WHACK
ROCK OF THE BUDDHA, BROKEN.
FIST OF FIRE, EXTINGUISHED.
STORM SWORD, SHEATHED.
THAT JUST LEAVES THIS ONE...
SOULSTRIKER.
THE FELLA WHO CAN PUNCH YOU IN YOUR SOUL.
I AM GOING TO BEAT THE DREAMS OUT OF YOU, LEAVING NOTHING BEHIND BUT MISERY AND DESPAIR.
SOUNDS FANCY. ME, I'M A SIMPLE MAN...
I'M JUST GONNA KILL YA.
SHIKT

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"SOULSTRIKER. HE'S THE ONE I REALLY GOTTA WORRY ABOUT."
EVERY TIME HE HIT ME, IT WAS LIKE ALL THE PAIN OF MY MOST HORRIBLE MEMORIES CAME RUSHING BACK ALL AT ONCE. HOW DO YOU GUARD AGAINST THAT?
THE SOUL CAN BE STRENGTHENED, JUST LIKE A MUSCLE.
SOULSTRIKER PREYS ON THE DARK CORNERS OF THE SOUL, SO YOU MUST HARDEN YOUR HEART WITH HAPPINESS.
"IF YOU'RE TELLING ME I GOTTA GO TO MY HAPPY PLACE, MASTER, I'M GONNA KILL YOU."
THE ORIGINAL BLACK DRAGON, THE MAN YOU SO BRUTALLY MURDERED FIFTY YEARS AGO, HE WAS MY GRANDFATHER, THE PATRIARCH OF MY FAMILY.
AHRRGH
YOU WILL PAY WITH YOUR MISERABLE LIFE FOR DISHONORING HIM.
Noodle House
"DON'T WORRY. WHEN THE TIME COMES...
"...YOU'LL KNOW."
WHAT? WHY DO YOU SMILE, YOU WRETCH?
LET'S SEE YOU SMILE ABOUT THIS.
"YOU TAKE AWAY THIS SOULSTRIKER'S TARGET AND SUDDENLY...
JUST FOCUS ON YOUR HAPPIEST MEMORIES. YOU DO HAVE SOME OF THOSE, DON'T YOU?
HI. I'M JEAN GREY WELCOME TO THE X-MEN.
SHIRO HAS SPOKEN *OFTEN* OF YOU, WITH MUCH *RESPECT*. I AM *MARIKO*.
HERE, TRY A SIP OF THIS, YOUNG FELLA. THIS IS CALLED BEER.
A FEW. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ONE'LL WORK?

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SMACK
"HE'S JUST ANOTHER MAN TRYING TO PUNCH YOU."
WHAT!? HOW DID YOU...
EASY. I JUST FOCUSED ON THE HAPPIEST MEMORY I COULD THINK OF.
"NAMELY, CHOPPING THE HEAD OFF YOUR MISERABLE OLD BASTARD OF A GRANDFATHER.
"I ENJOYED THAT ALMOST AS MUCH AS I'M GONNA ENJOY..."
THIS.
SHUNK
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BUT WE'LL BE TAKING BACK OUR CITY NOW.
KILL THEM ALL!
KILL EVERY LAST DAMNED ONE OF THEM!
TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME, DIDN'T YOU? I ALREADY DONE THE HARD PART.
DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK, PAL. WE COULD'VE WAITED UNTIL YOU WERE DEAD.
I AM THE BLACK DRAGON! YOU PEOPLE CAN-NOT SIMPLY CAST ME ASIDE!

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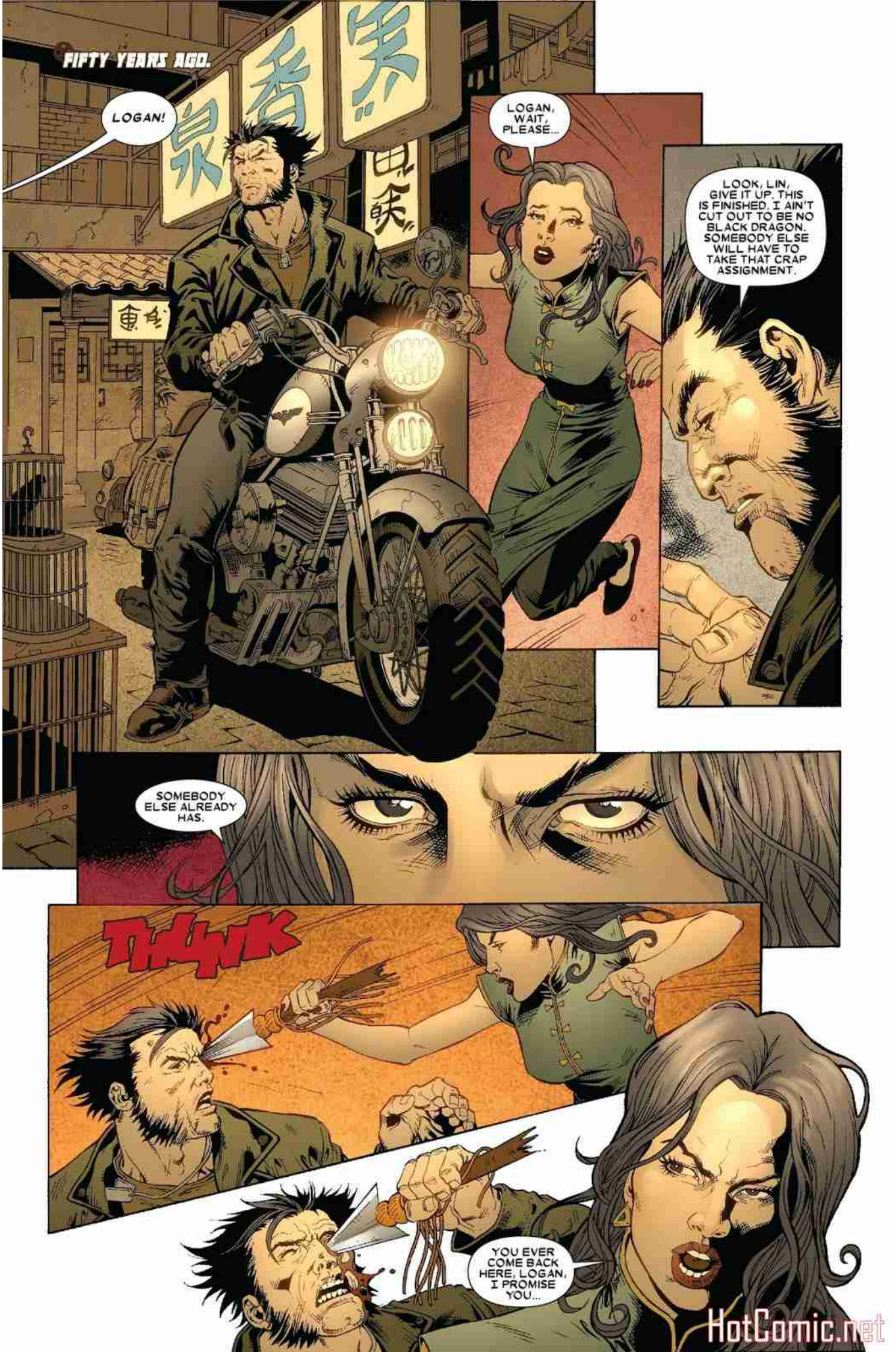
FIFTY YEARS AGO.
LOGAN!
LOGAN, WAIT, PLEASE...
LOOK, LIN, GIVE IT UP. THIS IS FINISHED. I AIN'T CUT OUT TO BE NO BLACK DRAGON. SOMEBODY ELSE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT CRAP ASSIGNMENT.
SOMEBODY ELSE ALREADY HAS.
THUNK
YOU EVER COME BACK HERE, LOGAN, I PROMISE YOU...
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"YOU'LL REGRET IT."
ALL RIGHT, SO I GUESS THAT SETTLES IT.
THIS CITY STILL NEEDS A BLACK DRAGON, WE ALL AGREE ON THAT. SOMEONE TO KEEP THE RIVAL TONGS IN LINE.
AND SOMEONE WHO WON'T GIVE IN TO CORRUPTION LIKE THE LAST BLACK DRAGON DID.
AND NOW WE ALL AGREE ON WHO IT SHOULD BE.

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LOGAN, THE FIST OF LEGEND, THE MASTER OF THE CHINATOWN UNDERWORLD.
OH BOY.
THIS KINDA THING WOULDA NEVER HAPPENED IN NEW YORK.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHINATOWN TRIADS
THE BLACK DRAGON
PRAYING MANTIS TONG
AT LEAST IT'S ALL SETTLED, AND I WON'T HAVE NO MORE PROBLEMS AS LONG AS I'M HERE.
BLACK DRAGON TONG
RED LOTUS TONG

THE END...FOR NOW.

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